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## Happy holidays; embody peace on earth



**FROM  
OUR  
CG**

As we all prepare to enter this year's holiday season, Debbie and I extend our warmest wishes to all Marines, sailors and civilian Marines, and to the families whose love and support carry us forward. We are immensely proud of you and your unswerving dedication to this great nation and to our Corps; you epitomize the goodness that this joyous holiday season represents.

The true spirit of the holiday season is expressed in the words "peace on earth and good will toward men." Throughout the past three years, as our nation and Corps have continued to wage the ever-demanding war on terrorism, we have sacrificed

much toward obtaining that ideal. However, there remains much to be done. The coming year is sure to offer all of us new challenges and fresh demands. No one understands this better or will feel it more sharply than our Marine family. Because of this, we should all make the extra effort to ensure that we celebrate our holidays with those we love in a manner that strengthens our most important personal relationships. For those Marines who are separated from loved ones during this holiday season, know that you are in your family's thoughts and prayers as well as in ours, and that the American people respect and honor your service.

It is my wish that each member of our Depot and Western Recruiting Region family return from their holiday travels healthy, refreshed, and ready for whatever our nation requires of us. Travel safely. Happy holidays, and may you all enjoy the blessings of the season.

Semper Fidelis.

Sincerely,

J.M. Paxton Jr.

Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps

## CG'S CUP ENDS

*Yearlong athletic competition between depot organizations was anyone's game*

BY CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.  
*Chevron staff*

On a cool and sunny Friday afternoon, depot Marines, sailors and Coast Guardsmen squared off at the boat-house for the Commanding General's Cup grand finale: the CG's Field Meet.

Headquarters and Service Battalion entered the event with 231 points, Recruit Training Regiment was second with a point total of 217, and Coast Guard rounded off the top three with a score of 200.

The winner received 50 points; second place got 40, and third place got 30 points; therefore, RTR had an opportunity to pull ahead.

The first event was the egg toss in which two members from each team stood apart at an equal distance and

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Company F commanding officer Capt. Ryan M. Cunningham, representing Recruit Training Regiment in the CG's Cup Field Meet last week, circles around a bat with his forehead on the axis, creating dizzy equilibrium, a Dizzy Izzy race requirement. Sgt. Ryan Smith/Chevron

## Coastie team to protect San Diego commissioned

BY CPL JESS LEVENS  
*Chevron staff*

The U.S. Coast Guard commissioned a new 75-man Maritime Safety and Security Team at the depot boat-house Tuesday.

The unit, flanked by two 25-foot Safeboats, formed before spectators, Marines and fellow Coast Guardsmen before Coast Guard Lt. Sung H. Choi, chaplain, 11th Coast Guard District offered the opening prayer.

"The commissioning of a new unit is a time-honored Coast Guard tradition," said Coast Guard Lt. j.g. James McLay, MSST Detachment One officer in charge. "The unit has been on the depot since June, but wasn't operational. Now we're operational, and that's what the commissioning signifies."

U.S. Congresswoman Susan A. Davis appeared as the guest of honor, and she welcomed the new unit to San Diego. Coast Guard Vice Adm. Harvey E. Johnson, Coast Guard Pacific Area commander, gave command of MSST 91109 to Lt. Cmdr. Mark A. Eyler, who inspected the unit and assumed command.

MSST 91109 is one of the new anti-terrorism Coast Guard units established after Sept. 11, 2001, hence the 911 in the unit number. The last two numbers, 09, signify the unit's

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Capt. James Bustamante, Special Training Company commanding officer (left), greets public education superintendent Alan D. Bersin after San Diego City Schools recognized the depot's Medical Rehabilitation Platoon for its Partnership In Education participation. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

# Schools award Marine education partnership

BY CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.  
*Chevron staff*

San Diego City Schools awarded Medical Rehabilitation Platoon for its successful education partnership with Lindbergh-Schweitzer Elementary School at the schools' televised board of education meeting Tuesday at Eugene Brucker Education Center Auditorium.

Board members and superintendent Alan D. Bersin recognized the Marines and 11 other partnerships, which stood out among 972 other partners in the schools' Partnership in Education Program.

Along with Lindbergh-Schweitzer, the depot has a formal agreement with San Diego City Schools to partner with Taft Middle School and Holmes Elementary School, schools that the depot has tied with for several years. Depot Marines go to the schools every two weeks for physical fitness workouts and to help the school personnel with special events such as Red Ribbon Week. The depot mascot Lance Cpl. Molly even visits the schools from time to time.

The partnership with Lindbergh-Schweitzer differs slightly from the Taft and Holmes partnerships in that recruits, not Marines, visit the students, and only by the school's request. The Lindbergh-Schweitzer children have special needs and the MRP

recruits help as role models for the children, according to Special Training Company commanding officer Capt. James Bustamante.

"The recruits interact with them," said Bustamante. "They do some reading programs, watch plays the children put together and help organize a mini-special Olympics."

Special Training Company has been the sole partner with Lindbergh-Schweitzer for the last five years, and the Marines have a specific mission for their partnership: Participate in activities that promote interaction between recruits and students, focus on teamwork, self-esteem, physical fitness and confidence building. These goals are something recruits need according to one MRP drill instructor and his recruits.

"The recruits see what the kids are going through and it opens their eyes," said Staff Sgt. Kevin L. Jones. "I explained to them that being a Marine means everyone looks up to you."

During a recent visit, the children showed their admiration by rushing the recruits for autographs.

According to Bustamante, MRP does a good job of rehabilitating recruits, but sometimes recruits need a little more motivation to get through training.

"We want to show the recruits that there are folks striving through adversity and that they can get through it too," said Bustamante.

## Be wary of advance pay centers

BY MASTER SGT. JANICE M. HAGAR  
*Public Affairs Chief*

The holiday shopping season is in full swing. For some service members, that can mean lean times in the pocketbook because of gift

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buying, trips home or entertaining holiday guests. Those starting to run short on cash may be tempted to visit an advance cash center for a pre-payday loan. It may seem like a quick fix to the cash flow problem, but buyers beware. Those payday lenders end up costing a fortune in the end.

Suppose a consumer needs \$100. He may go to an advance cash center, but he may have to write a check for \$150 that will come out of his next paycheck. Now he will start off the next paycheck \$150 short.

According to a recent letter from the Inspector General of the Marine Corps, Marines who use the centers are potentially setting themselves up for trouble. Many will end up in debt because of triple-digit interest rates. Advance cash centers are legally obligated to disclose their interest rates, which may run as high 520 percent annually. The centers might try to downplay the rate by saying it equals out to 20 percent because the Marine is borrowing the money for a couple of weeks. But the Marine may find himself starting a bad trend.

"If a Marine is borrowing money from a payday lender, he may find he doesn't have enough money to cover his next payday's expenses like rent and food," said Mike Brown, director of the depot's Navy Marine Corps Relief Society chapter. "It's a vicious cycle because the Marine may get more loans to cover them from payday to payday, but in reality, he is digging himself into a deeper hole."

"The percentage of cases I've seen here are small, but that doesn't give an indication that people are not getting loans from payday lender," added Brown. "Our main concern here is to help Marines develop a plan so it doesn't get impossible to get out of."

Brown said the key is for everyone to live within their means, but if a service member is having difficulties, come in for a financial analysis and budget counseling to stay on track and out of the vicious loan cycle.

Brown isn't the only one who has seen Marines get into trouble with payday loans.

"Unfortunately, by the time I see them, they're almost bankrupt or they're ready to sell something big like their cars," said Michael McIsaac, personal financial management specialist here. "It's like a snowball that keeps growing and growing. If a Marine writes a check to a payday lender for \$100, he may only get \$75 out of the check. The other \$25 is a user fee for the payday lender to hold the check until payday. Then when the next payday comes around, the Marine may not have enough to cover the check he wrote, so he goes back to the lender and pays another \$25 fee for them to hold the check another two weeks."

McIsaac said payday lenders normally allow consumers to "roll over" the loan three times. Now the Marine may go to a second payday lender to get a loan to pay off the first payday lender and the cycle grows. In addition to being short on cash, the Marine adds to the debt with the additional fees.

"No matter how many times you (visit a payday lender), you can't get out from under it," said McIsaac. "Make an appointment to come in for a financial analysis. We can look at your financial status and come up with a plan to get out of the cycle."

Service members shouldn't wait until they are in trouble before they seek help. There are resources available to help service members and their families improve their financial situations. Payday lenders are not the answer to solving financial difficulties.

"It seems like an answer that's so easy and simple, but it's not," said McIsaac.

For more information on financial management, contact McIsaac at (619) 524-1204.



Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Ryan Price salutes during opening ceremonies before a new Maritime Safety and Security Team was commissioned at the depot boathouse Tuesday. MSST 91109 is an anti-terrorism unit committed to protecting San Diego. Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

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location, San Diego. All MSST units ending in odd numbers are on the West Coast; all MSST units ending in even numbers are East-Coast based.

"MSST is a quick response force capable of rapid nationwide deployment via air, ground or sea transportation in response to changing threat conditions and evolving maritime homeland security," according to the unit's mission statement.

According to McLay, its local function is "primarily to protect San Diego," unlike the other depot Coast Guard unit, Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement Team, whose mission is to "primarily counter drugs."

The Coast Guard was looking for a San Diego location and Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., depot commanding general, offered Building 310 here, according to McLay.

"It's really just a good example of Marine Corps-Coast Guard cooperation," said McLay. "We have Bldg. 310 and a few slots at the boathouse. That made the depot an ideal location for this unit."

MSST has 11 officers and 64 enlisted men supporting its mission.

## Wanted: Christmas (or Hanukkah or Kwanzaa) Spirit

BY SGT. RYAN SMITH  
*Chevron staff*

Christmas Spirit, where did you go?

I was looking forward to this year's holiday festivities – believe it or not – like a kid at Christmas. I was pumped up about everything from buying a tree to hanging the lights on our home. I was psyched up. Then all of a sudden you were gone.

What happened? Suddenly, the holiday didn't seem as bright as it should. The life has almost been sucked out of this holiday for me.

I go day-to-day thinking about how much emphasis is put on all the hustle and bustle of the season concerning gifts, holiday feasts and Christmas sales. It gives me that constant migraine that makes me want to scream at everyone.

I know you are still hanging around here somewhere. I can tell by how much traffic

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slows down when I drive pass the malls and shopping centers. And, as I wait in that extra long line at the commissary or exchange, I can tell you have made your presence known to almost everyone ... except me.

Some people get their fix on the holiday shopping rush. Others tend to the more traditional values of what this season brings. I am running short on options and am in desperate need of a good round of "Jingle Bells" or "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer."

This holiday season has drained my spirit tank, and I can't find a refueling site.

I have tried almost everything imaginable: music, volunteer work, decorating the house and even fulfilling a 5-year request from my wife to put the lights up outside for others to see. I have tried almost everything – short of dressing up like Santa myself – to gain that feeling of wholesomeness this season brings.

I can't blame it all on you, Christmas Spirit. Maybe I am afraid of what you have

been in society's eyes. I have read the stories of how the words "Merry Christmas" are being replaced by more blanketing terms of "Season's Greetings" or "Happy Holidays." I even saw where Christmas carols have been changed to "winter carols." It just doesn't feel the same anymore without the word Christmas being linked to this season.

I know you are out there. You are reading this paper right now and hopefully it will encourage you to begin spreading the spirit if you have it.

As I post this wanted ad, take some time to think about your holiday season and how it affects you and those around you. If you have become a close-minded person about other cultures and religions, take time to talk to those who celebrate Hanukkah, Kwanza and even Christmas during this season.

Wanted: Christmas Spirit  
If found, please share with others.

## Frequently asked questions about divorce and separation

BY 1ST LT. B.D. TRULOCK  
*Legal Assistance Office*

It is an unfortunate fact that many of the clients who visit the legal assistance office here are seeking information regarding a legal separation or divorce. Our attorneys would like to provide

answers to the most common questions presented during a client interview, and to overcome the common misconceptions regarding this process.

It should be noted, however, that this article is not meant to encourage legal separation or divorce as a method of solving marital disagreements. Attorneys in the legal assistance office will always advise that service members and their spouses use these methods of separation when all other means of reconciling the marriage, such as counseling, have been exhausted. Moreover, service members and their spouses should always seek the advice of a legal assistance attorney before proceeding in a divorce action. Finally, the answers provided below pertain to divorces in California, and may not be the same in other states.

**Q: What is the difference between legal separation and divorce?**

**A:** California allows parties to file a petition for either a legal separation or divorce. The sole difference is that a legal separation does not terminate marital status. There are two primary reasons why a service member may want a legal separation instead of a divorce. First, the petitioner may not meet the residency requirements for a divorce. Before someone can petition for divorce, California law requires that they be a resident of California for at least six months and a resident of the county in which they intend to file for at least 3 months. There are no residency requirements, however, for a legal separation. Second, legal separation allows the non-military spouse to retain

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benefits such as health care. There are also several disadvantages to a legal separation. First, either party can petition for a divorce at any time. Second, if the parties decide that they want a divorce after six months, the petitioner must pay another filing fee. Finally, the parties are still married, and must conduct themselves accordingly or risk potential punishment under the UCMJ.

**Q: How much spousal support will I be required to pay and how long will it last?**

**A:** There is no standard amount of spousal support in California. If the parties have a contested divorce, the judge will consider a variety of factors in setting an amount. The judge will consider, for example, the length of the marriage, the standard of living, the supported spouse's ability to earn an income, and whether the supported spouse contributed to the education of the supporting spouse. These factors are just examples, and the court has the discretion to consider other factors. The amount of spousal support, therefore, can be different for all spouses.

For marriages that lasted less than 10 years, spousal support will generally be awarded for half the length of the marriage. If a marriage lasted more than 10 years, there is no general rule.

The individual paying spousal support can deduct these payments for income tax purposes, and the individual receiving the payments must include the amounts as ordinary income.

**Q: How much child support will I have to pay?**

**A:** Unlike spousal support, child support is determined by a set "formula." The formula takes into consideration a number of factors such as the income of both parties as well as the amount of time the children spend with each parent. Child support payments last until the children are no longer minors. Child support payments are not tax deductible and are not considered income for tax purposes.

**Q: How are custody determinations made?**

**A:** Custody determinations can be made in two ways: by agreement between the parties and through court-mandated mediation. With a few exceptions, parents generally agree to or are awarded through the court "joint legal custody." Joint legal custody grants both parents the right to make decisions regarding health, welfare, and education of the child regardless of where the child is physically located. Physical custody and visitation is determined by

a "best interest of the child standard." Parents, therefore, are encouraged to work out and agree to their own parenting plan, as they are rarely satisfied with court-ordered parenting plans.

**Q: What is the difference between an "uncontested" and a "contested" divorce?**

**A:** An "uncontested" divorce occurs when both parties can agree on all aspects of the separation, such as custody, spousal support, child support, and division of property. If this is the case, a packet can be obtained from the legal assistance office, and our office will assist the service member or spouse in drafting a marital settlement agreement that can be filed with the court. If the spouses cannot agree on any one aspect of the separation, the spouses will be required to appear in court and a judge will make the necessary decisions in a "contested" divorce proceeding. A contested divorce can be more expensive, as it may require the assistance of a private attorney.

**Q: If we have a "contested" divorce, how will our property be divided?**

**A:** California is a "community property" state. Any property, therefore, acquired after the date of marriage belongs to both spouses, regardless of who paid for it. Items acquired by either party before the marriage, after the date of separation, or acquired by gift, devise, or inheritance, are considered separate property. Items described as community property will be split equally between the two spouses.

*As previously mentioned, service members or their spouses should consider a divorce only after all other means of reconciling the marriage have been exhausted. If a service member or spouse thinks a divorce may be necessary, please visit the Legal Assistance Office to speak with an attorney, or schedule an appointment by calling (619) 524-4111.*

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Free holiday video cards

This holiday season, military personnel and their loved ones can send personalized holiday video mail messages back to their family and friends thanks to “Project Hope” offered by Streamload, a privately-held company headquartered in San Diego, the Salvation Army and Vision Incorporated. Families can feel more connected this holiday season and be “virtually home” by sending a free personalized video greeting over the Internet.

Between now and Dec. 31, Streamload will provide free accounts with 10 gigabytes of online storage and up to 100 megabytes of downloads. Complete details are available at [www.streamload.com/military](http://www.streamload.com/military).

Military personnel and their families can use their own digital camcorders to create their personal digital video message and Streamload will host it online. It allows them to share their video greetings for free with anyone in the world with an Internet connection.

For those personnel and families without a camcorder, Streamload, Westfield Shoppingtown and Sony Electronics will be helping military families take digital videos to send to their loved ones at Westfield Shoppingtown Horton Plaza Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at Westfield Shoppingtown Plaza Camino Real Dec. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each event will videotape the first 250 military families for free. Each location will be accepting unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots program.

Streamload is an Internet service that allows digital users to easily and securely send, store, move, receive and access their digital files like video, music and photos, without regard to size or storage limitations.

Mess hall closure

Duncan Hall (mess hall 620) will be closed from Dec. 20 to Jan. 2 for the Christmas and New Years holiday season. It will re-open Jan. 3 with regular hours. Patrons can eat at mess hall 569 daily on Deck 3 using the drill instructor line. Because of the recruit-training environment, patrons must be in uniform. Breakfast is 4:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., lunch is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and dinner is 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Breakfast is \$1.70, and lunch and dinner are \$3.30. Families and civilians are invited to attend the Christmas meal during lunch on Dec. 25 for \$5.40 or \$4.60 for dependants of E-4 and below.

Headquarters and Service Battalion holiday giving programs

Volunteer to serve a holiday meal to the needy at the Salvation Army's Christmas dinner downtown on Christmas from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Space is limited, so sign up soon.

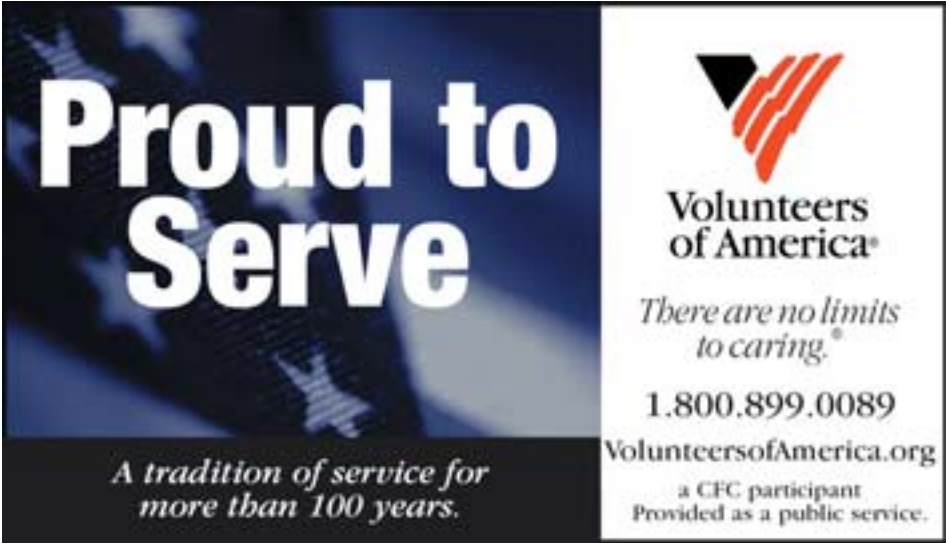
For more information, please contact the H&S Bn. chaplain's office at (619) 524-1347. It's not too late to make a difference to others in need this holiday season.

Upcoming Single Marine Program events

The Single Marine Program meets semimonthly to create activities and opportunities for the single Marines, sailors and geographical bachelors at the depot. For more information or to make recommendations, contact coordinator Britney O'Connor at [ocomorbe@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:ocomorbe@usmc-mccs.org) or at (619) 524-8240.

- Local families have invited Marines to celebrate the holidays Dec. 24-25. Those interested need to call O'Connor for details.

- SMP will make a skiing and snowboarding trip to Big Bear, Calif., the second or third week of January. The tentative price is \$75, which covers transportation, equipment rentals and lodging.



Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program

One-day workshops for the PREP program Fiscal 2005 are available every other month (Feb. 16, April 27, June 22, Aug. 24) Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Education Center, Bldg. 111.

PREP teaches couples how to communicate effectively and work as a team to preserve and enhance love, commitment and friendship, as well as solve problems and manage disagreements. Active duty members and their spouses or fiancés, as well as civilian depot employees, are invited to attend. Priority will be given to active duty members and their spouses or fiancés.

Child care is available. Please sign up no later than one week before a workshop.

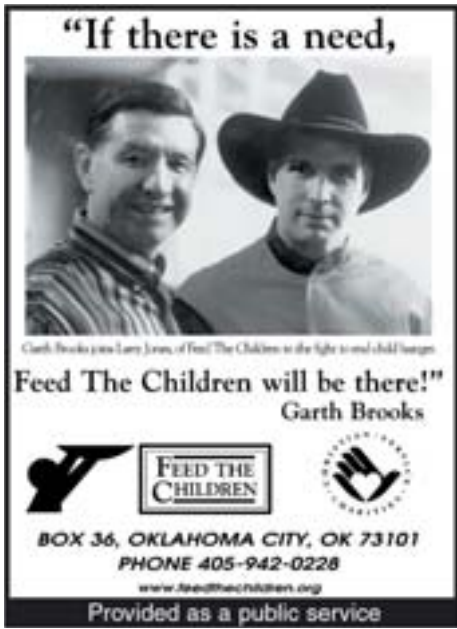
For more information, call the Family Team Building office at (619) 524-0916 or (888) 718-3027.

Bible study opportunities

The Headquarters and Service Battalion Bible study, Hearers and Doers, is open to all H&S personnel, both active duty and civilian, including Recruiters School personnel and students. The group meets from 11:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. on Tuesdays in the H&S Bn. Headquarters classroom, Building 15. The group is currently reading and discussing the book, “The Purpose Driven Life,” by Rick Warren. Come as you are. Please call the battalion chaplain for further details including information about acquiring Warren's book.

Officers' Christian Fellowship is available to all depot officers Friday mornings at 6:30 a.m. The group meets for about an hour in the Headquarters Company classroom in Building 6W. The meeting ends so that those involved in Friday Morning Colors are able to make it to the ceremony on time. The group study is currently focused on the book “Your Work Matters to God,” by Doug Sherman and William Hendricks.

Interested officers can join the study at any point in time whether or not they are familiar with or have been reading the subject book. Please give Lt. Col. Scott McLennan, executive officer, H&S Bn., a



call at (619) 524-1980 for further details including information about acquiring the book.

Military holiday program

Churches, individuals, and organizations donate toys, games, books, and clothes for military children. All active duty military families in San Diego County from pay grade E-1 to E-5 qualify for the program, but space is limited to the first 1,000 families to sign up online at [www.militaryholiday.org/sd](http://www.militaryholiday.org/sd). For more information, call (877) 895-5942 ext. 4.

Toys for Tots

Each year the Marine Corps Reserve fulfills the Christmas dreams of millions of the nation's neediest children. Sadly, gifts always run out long before we run out of children. Please help your fellow Marines, who conduct the annual Toys for Tots Program, by donating to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. For more information, visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) or call (858) 537-8074.

Sportsman's Club

The Sportsman's Club of Camp Pendleton, Calif., is now open to depot personnel, active duty, retirees, reservists and Department of Defense employees. The club promotes and enriches hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Officials hold club meetings the second Tuesday of every month at Building 25264 at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton at 6:30 p.m. For more information, check out the club Web site at <http://thesportsmansclub.netfirms.com> or call Master Sgt. John Cullen at (760) 725-7537. E-mail him at [cullenjr@pendleton.usmc.mil](mailto:cullenjr@pendleton.usmc.mil).

Free 'Fantasy Wedding' opportunity

The Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce would like to host a “Fantasy Wedding” for a Marine or sailor who was engaged prior to Jan. 1, 2005. The Chamber will provide the winning couple with an all-inclusive wedding package, to include a ceremony and catered reception. Interested applicants should contact the Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Protocol office at (760) 725-5780. Applications are due no later than Jan. 14.

Photo contest

The deadline for the 43rd Annual Naval and Maritime Photo Contest is Dec. 31. The contest, sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union, recognizes outstanding photographers for their work on a naval or maritime theme.

Photos must be of a naval or nautical subject, not limited to calendar year of contest. Winning photographs have ranged from a dory at Mystic Seaport to Marines on ship.

The contest is open to both amateur and professional photographers. Winning photographs will be published in the April

2005 issue of Proceedings magazine.

Winners will also receive a one-year membership in the Naval Institute, and the following cash prizes: First place: \$500, second place: \$350, third place: \$250, honorable mentions: \$100 (15 awards).

Go to [www.navalinstitute.org](http://www.navalinstitute.org) and select “Contests” on the site map for complete contest rules.

Enter the 30th Marine Corps Marathon Original Art Contest

The 30th Marine Corps Marathon in October 2005 wants to feature winning artwork for its event. The deadline for original art entries is January 30, 2005.

The winner of this contest will receive one complimentary entry into the marathon, race apparel and merchandise, samples of all mediums featuring the artwork that may include race program, banners, etc., and an opportunity for 30,000 participants, 80,000 spectators and more to view your work.

Creations must be original pieces of art created for this competition only, and the artwork must contain all of the following concepts: 30th Marine Corps Marathon, October 30, 2005, [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com), the marathon's Triangle logo and the Marine Corps emblem. Send artwork on CD in an Adobe Photoshop file to MCM, PO Box 188 Quantico, VA 22134.

If chosen, the artwork becomes Marine Corps Marathon property and the MCM reserves the right to publish the artwork.

The Marine Corps Marathon continues a combined tradition of dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism. Since its inception, more than 302,902 civilian and military runners from all walks of life have participated, deservingly earning the event its nickname “The People's Marathon.” Beginning at the Iwo Jima Monument in Arlington, Va., the marathon scenic course guides runners around the Pentagon, past the Capitol, down the National Mall and by the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials. Runner's World Magazine ranks the Marine Corps Marathon among the “10 Best Beginner Marathons.”

Mexico border area liberty policy violation update

The San Diego Police Department routinely conducts Operation Safe Crossing with the help of various local law enforcement agencies. Operation Safe Crossing is designed to deter underage drinking in Tijuana, Mexico.

All military personnel without their armed forces identification cards will be denied entry into Mexico.

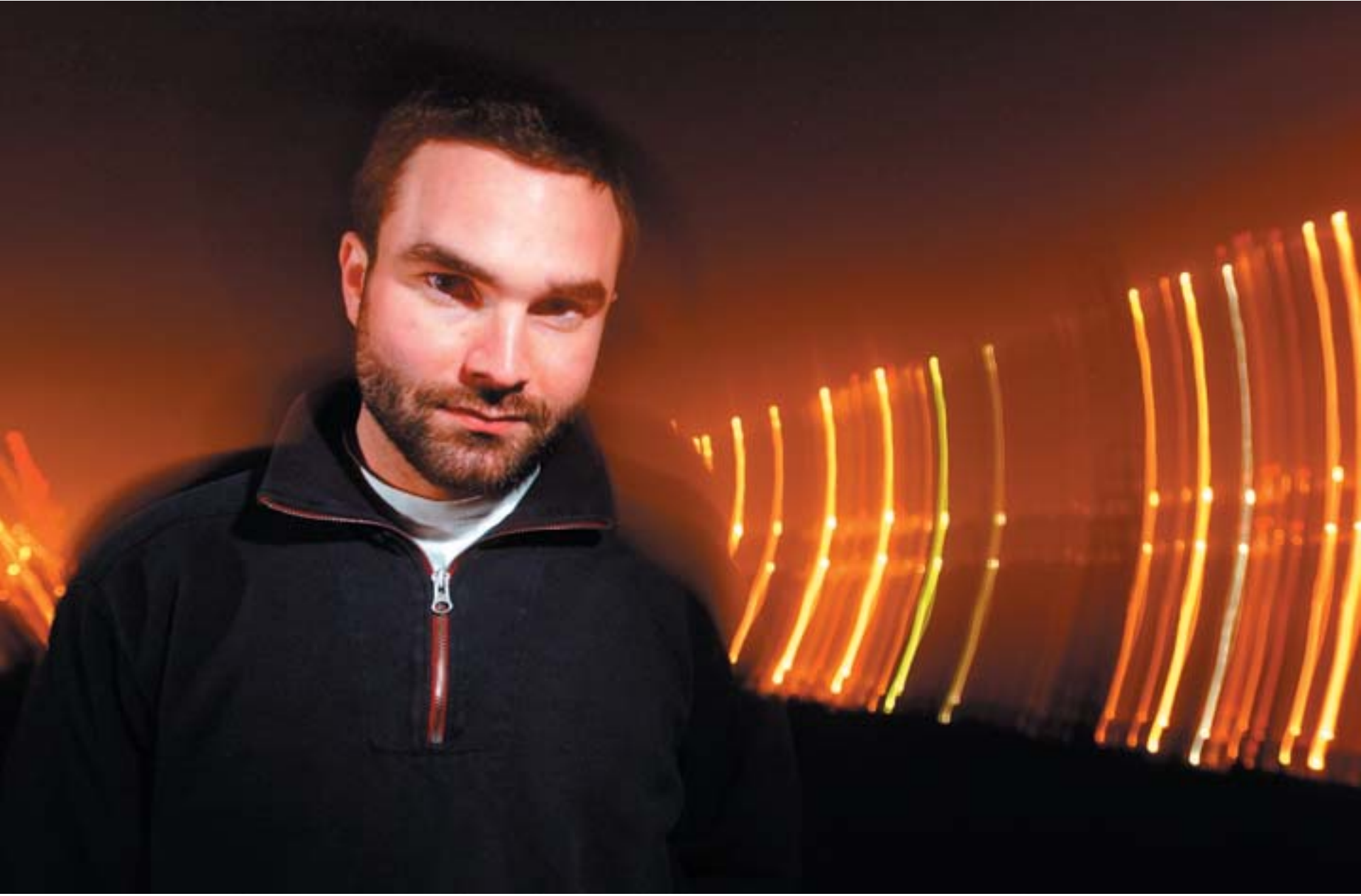
San Diego police will arrest any people regardless of age coming back from Tijuana, who are too intoxicated to take care of themselves. Commander Navy Region Southwest Border Shore Patrol will maintain a visual presence and assist SDPD upon request in handling or taking custody of any military personnel.

Mexico liberty policies

Marine Corps Regional Order 1050 requires that all Marines E-3 and below have an out of bounds chit to go to Mexico. Regional order 1050 applies to all Marine personnel E-3 and below assigned here.

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Thirty-year-old Canaan Brumley works at the depot barbershop, but he moonlights as an independent film maker. His latest film about recruit training was shot here. Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

# And cut

## Young filmmaking barber shoots boot camp movie



In a scene from Brumley's “Ears, Open. Eyeballs, Click,” Staff Sgt. Adam Sandercock evaluates a recruit who said he was too sick to complete a night-infiltration course. Canaan Brumley/Cinema Company C

BY CPL. JESS LEVENS  
Chevron staff

At 15 – with some buddies and a make-shift raft – he made his first film: a Huckleberry Finn re-creation. Now he runs “Cinema Company C,” an independent film endeavor.

Driving with 30-year-old Canaan Brumley to his old filming spots, he parks at a mom-and-pop liquor store where he shot another short film about a heist.

Brumley recently completed his 14th film: “Ears, Open. Eyeballs, Click,” his first full-length movie, which was shot entirely on location aboard the depot and Camp Pendleton, Calif.

“The depot is one of my favorite sets,” said Brumley, driving his sport utility vehicle past the obstacle course here. “It’s not really a set, but I never work on sets. I make locations my sets.”

“Ears, Open” has no set dialog and no actors. Brumley simply followed a Company C platoon through recruit training from start to finish. The recruits and drill instructors are his players; training is his script.

“I wanted to give the movie a surreal, dreamlike effect but make it as realistic as possible,” said Brumley.

“At first, we didn’t want him around. We thought he would get in the way,” said Staff Sgt. Marcos Martinez, a Co. C drill instructor in Brumley’s film. “After we got used to him filming, it was like he wasn’t even there. He did everything with us, and he usually showed up early.”

“Ears, Open” is a narrator and interviews short of a documentary, according to Brumley.

“The story tells itself,” he said. “I think movies tell a story with pictures. You don’t need words. You don’t need unnatural dialogue. You just need to see the story.”

The movie can’t be entirely credited to Brumley, however.

“The drill instructors had so much input on the film,” said Brumley. “They came up with ideas for scenes, and suggested good shots. Once they got used to me being there, they really opened up. I couldn’t have made this movie without their support.”

“I lived the movie, so I can’t really critique it,” said Martinez. “But after watching it, it

was definitely worth everyone’s time. He did a good job. I want my own copy.”

The movie is not yet in print; Brumley has two copies of the finished product.

Brumley, a Houston native, stayed in San Diego after a four-year stint in the Navy, and he hasn’t looked back. He said the locations San Diego offers are great for his films. They’re familiar and close to home.

Brumley parked at a pier at the San Diego harbor where he shot a film based on the Bible story, Noah’s Ark.

“Everything I have keeps me here,” said Brumley. “I met my wife, Nichole, and we just had a baby. I’ve got my friends, films and my job out here.”

That job is cutting hair. Brumley serves as a three-year veteran at the depot barber shop. He cuts hair to make ends meet, hoping his film career will take off.

“Actually, cutting hair is like making films,” said Brumley. “You can’t be afraid to mess up on someone’s hair. And if you do mess up, you have to find a way to fix it. Film is the same way.”

Brumley started taking film classes after his tour in the Navy, and after six years of different schools and hard work, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in television, film and new media from San Diego State University.

“One thing I learned is that film is so subjective,” said Brumley. “I can take my favorite movie, and someone else might hate it. I’ve experienced that with my own work. Filmmakers need lots of support.”

“When you decide to be a filmmaker, people think you’re wasting your life. They think you’ll never make it. It starts with short 10- or 20-minute films, and people say things like, ‘OK, but can you make a two-hour movie?’ Then you make a two-hour movie and they still second-guess you. There’s a lot of heartbreak in this industry.”

Brumley entered his newest creation in the Sundance Film Festival, but judges didn’t select it for the final cut. Independent filmmakers submitted more than 5,500 films to the festival this year, according to Brumley.

“It’s hard,” said Brumley. “But it’s a wonderful rush. In film, I live by instinct. I love it.”





Cpl. Ashley Unfried pipes away in a Christmas carol, in which recruits sang along at this year's Christmas concert.



Chief Warrant Officer Edward Hayes, band officer, directs Marine Band San Diego in a Christmas song.



Depot chaplain Capt. Timothy T. Morita salutes during the national anthem. Morita offered a prayer before the concert.



Gunnery Sgt. Brian E. Poe (right) and Staff Sgt. Sean G. Schmidlin watch from backstage as the band plays at the Commanding General's Christmas Tree-Lighting Ceremony Friday night. *Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron*

# Christmas concert illuminates depot

BY CPL. JESS LEVENS  
*Chevron staff*

Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., depot and Western Recruiting Region commanding general, with the help of some children, threw the switch Friday night to light the depot's Christmas tree before Marine Band San Diego's holiday concert.

Depot chaplain, Navy Captain Timothy T. Morita gave the opening prayer and the band kicked off modern and traditional Christmas tunes. The University of San Diego Choir accompanied the band. The band's rendition of Pe-

ter J. Wilhousky's "Carol of the Bells" featured an inventive electric guitar solo by newcomer Cpl. Sean Manning.

The concert also featured a song from the new movie, "The Polar Express," and a Marine's version of "T'was the Night Before Christmas."

In addition to the civilians, Marines and sailors in attendance, the depot's recruits took a break from training to enjoy the Christmas spirit. Toward the end of the performance, the band led Christmas carols and the recruits sang along. The carols included "Joy to the World," "Deck the Halls" and "Jingle Bells."



Cpl. Sean Manning rips an electric guitar solo during "Carol of the Bells." Manning is a newcomer to Marine Band San Diego from 1st Marine Division's band.



Pvt. Peter P. Sepulveda, Platoon 2047, Company H, sings Christmas carols and listens to the band's Christmas concert.



Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr. and his wife Debbie applaud Marine Band San Diego with a standing ovation after the Christmas concert.



CUSTOMS & TRADITIONS

PARADE PRECEDENCE

If seniority determines who comes first, do the Marines have a case?

The rationale behind the present parade precedence structure appears to be based more on custom than on any documented set of criteria. The majority of texts, manuals, and guides on the subject of military and naval customs and traditions appear to cite service seniority as the determining factor in deciding the precedence of the armed forces in parades.

The Marine Officer's Guide, section 1823, states "To avoid conflicts at parades or ceremonies, the places of honor are allocated in order of Service seniority ..." Likewise, in Military Customs and Traditions, it is stated that "Precedence among military units vary much as among people – is normally determined by age."

In theory, these criteria for establishing the parade precedence of the various armed forces would seem to be very straightforward and easily comprehensible. However, in practice this is not the case. There exists among the various branches of the services a divergence of opinion on the issue of dates that mark the beginnings of their respective branches.

Service seniority can be interpreted in a number of ways. For example, one could trace the origins of the various branches in their respective dates when the Continental Congress passed initiating resolutions. Using this criterion we could find the Army being established in June 1775, the Navy in October 1775, and the Marines on November 10, 1775.

However, seniority of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps is obscured by the divergent elements of the intentions of the Continental Congress as compared to the realization of those intentions. Although the intention of the Congress to establish an Army is apparent in several resolutions of June



1775, the realization of those intentions was not effected until January 1, 1776, when General Washington states in his orderly book, "This day giving commencement to the new Army which in every point of view is entirely Continental."

Likewise, the Navy, which the Congress created by resolution in October 1775, was not to be realized until several months later. The process of procuring and outfitting ships as well as enlisting and commissioning personnel was a time-consuming one. The commander in chief of the Navy and other officers were not commissioned until December 22, 1775.

The Marine Corps, on the other hand, even though established by resolution November 10, 1775, was actually a force in readiness before the Army or the Navy. Samuel Nicholas was commissioned a captain of Marines on November 28, 1775, a month before the first officer of the Continental Navy was commissioned. Indeed, the Marine Corps' claim to being the oldest integral force in being results primarily from fortunate circumstances. The Corps was much smaller and more closely knit than either of the other services, and its origin was not complicated by the existence of provincial and local forces already in the field. Thus, the Continen-

tal Marine force was all regular Marines from the beginning during the period when the Army was an amorphous mass of mixed Continentals and militia, and the Navy lacked ships. The Marine Corps appears, therefore, to be the first truly "federal" armed services branch.

The question of seniority of the armed services is further confused by the fact that nearly all of the original colonies placed militia, ships, and troops serving as Marines in action at the opening of hostilities, before the establishment of the Continental Congress. It could be argued that these forces, having been taken under Continental pay and control, constituted the beginning of the American Army, Navy, and Marines.

Thus, it seems that no definitive case can be made for establishing the relative seniority of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. In fact, the only facts that correspond with the present parade order of Army, Marine Corps and Navy respectively, are the dates when their first officers were commissioned in June, November, and December of 1775. It appears that the present order of parade precedence has evolved over the years, perhaps initially based on early opinions of the actual dates of origin of the services. In any case, the present order of parade precedence has become one of our foremost military customs and as the foregoing has indicated, there appears to be little evidence to support any change in that order. The present order of parade precedence is indicated in DoD Directive 1005.8 as Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force. Therefore, by analogy, the order of display of colors should be in the same order.

Source: Marine Corps History and Museums Division

1928 1941 1948 1950

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

1957 1972 1989 1992 1995

December dates of Marine Corps historical significance

Dec. 4, 1950

Lt. Col. Raymond G. Davis led his battalion into Hagaru-Ri, Korea, after four days of intense fighting in the mountain passes against a numerically superior hostile force. His battalion, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, helped clear the way for the 5th and 7th Marines, and Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

Dec. 6, 1928

A small detail of Marines under Capt. Maurice G. Holmes defeated Nicaraguan bandits near Chuyelite. Gunnery Sgt. Charles Williams was mortally wounded during the fighting. Holmes was later awarded the Navy Cross for gallantry, and a posthumous award was given to Williams.

Dec. 8, 1941

Japanese aircraft attacked Wake Island within hours of the fateful at-

tack on Pearl Harbor. Marines of the 1st Defense Bn. and Marine Fighting Squadron 211 resisted Japanese invasion attempts for over two weeks before finally succumbing to an overwhelming force.

Dec. 9, 1992

Marines of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) landed in Somalia kicking off Operation Restore Hope, the largest humanitarian relief operation of its kind.

Dec. 10, 1995

In Bosnia, 22 Marines from Marine Corps Security Force Company, Naples, Italy, were among the first American troops to arrive. They provided the security for Allied Forces Southern Europe headquartered at Sarajevo. About 2,500 NATO troops would be in place by Dec. 19, taking on the peacekeeping task in former Yugoslavia.

Dec. 15, 1948

The Secretary of the Navy signed a "Memorandum of Agreement" with the State Department that laid the basis for the modern Marine Security Guard program at U.S. embassies throughout the world.

Dec. 19, 1972

The Marine detachment of the USS Ticonderoga provided shipboard security for three U.S. astronauts, Eugene Cernan, Ronald Evans, Harrison Schmitt, and their Apollo-17 space capsule. The astronauts had successfully completed a record lunar stay of more than 75 hours.



Gen. Noriega in U.S. custody.

Dec. 20, 1989

Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama to protect American lives, restore the democratic process, preserve the integrity of the Panama Canal Treaty and apprehend dictator Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega. One Marine, Cpl. Garreth C. Isaak, was killed and three others were wounded during the operation.

Dec. 23, 1941

Japanese forces launched a predawn landing on Wake Island and Wilkes Island, while their carriers launched air strikes against Wilkes, Wake, and Peale islands in support of the landing force. After nearly 12 hours of desperate fighting, the three islands were surrendered.

Dec. 26, 1957

Twenty helicopters from Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 162, were rushed to Ceylon onboard the USS Princeton where Marines participated in the rescue and evacuation of flood victims.

'The whole platoon pounded him with questions for about two days ... He was representing our platoon. He's a good guide and wants everyone to do well ...'

– Pfc. Michael A. Truax, squad leader, talking about Platoon 3027's 88 recruits who helped prepare their guide for a company honor man board

RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

Branching out



Lance Cpl. Matthew J. Cummings, Company L honor man, practices for graduation with fellow platoon guides and series guidon bearers. Cummings served as an Army military policeman when he decided he wanted to be a Marine. The lead series guides pictured with Cummings are Pfc. Seth S. Cook and Cody Cohen. Cpl. Edward R. Guervara Jr./Chevron

Operation Iraqi Freedom soldier impressed by Marines crosses into Corps

BY CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.  
Chevron staff

"Present guidon!" the 21-year-old ordered to the platoon honor men at graduation practice. "Order guidon!"

The other honor men may tower over the former Army military policeman's 5-foot 7-inch frame, but his prior military experience and camaraderie with his platoon mates helped him rise above as the company's best recruit, Company L's honor man.

Platoon 3027 guide Lance Cpl. Matthew J. Cummings brings to the Marine Corps a warrior spirit from the Army Reserves, which he joined out of high school.

His unit, the 438th Military Police Detachment, was mobilized to the Middle East in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Serving alongside Marines and former Marines within his unit sparked his interest in the Corps.

"I spent 13 months overseas," Cumming said. "I saw something in the Marines that I wanted."

A specialist at the time, Cummings' sergeant and one other soldier were former Marines. They had joined the Army Reserves to be close to home since there were no local Marine reserves, according to Cummings.

He further explained that they had recently been on deployments overseas and promised their families they would be able to stay home more now that they were in the reserves.

"Even though they promised, when the orders came down, they didn't complain," he said. "They packed up their things and led us out. They were big role models for me."

He described his sergeant as the best noncommissioned officer he ever had.

On other occasions, the Marines' discipline, willingness to help and the tight bonds they shared awed Cummings.

This prompted him to seek help from his commanding officer for a conditional release to the Marine Corps.

"I explained my career goals and how they had changed," said Cummings. "I served my country and enjoyed my time. I felt I could serve it better in the Marine Corps."

Cummings didn't know it at the time, but his experience and persistence to be the best of the best would lead him to the position he now holds within Company L.

"He always stood out from the rest of the platoon," said one of the platoon's squad leaders Pfc. Michael A. Truax. "His prior service helped him out a lot as far as leadership goes. He is not afraid to correct people and he's been setting the example from (the beginning)."

Cummings began as the platoon's guide from the start, but was fired when he tripped during a physical training session and knocked his senior drill instructor in the head with his guidon, according to Truax.

"We went through a lot of guides after that," Truax said. "Then the platoon wrote down who they wanted to be the guide. They picked (Cummings)."

According to Cummings, his Army training and experience as a team leader gave him the confidence he needed.

"I have the warrior spirit, and I can develop it more here," he said. "I can help others with my knowledge of not being content ... you can make anything happen if you want it."

Thinking of others was Cummings' biggest change.

"In the Army, I was not motivated," Cummings said. "I was only concerned with myself before I came here. It's all changed."

He feels everyone in the platoon has built a bond with each other and look out for each other's best interests.

"Being the company honor man would not have been possible without the closeness of the platoon," he said. "A platoon of 88 recruits took the initiative and prepared me for the company honor man board."

Truax sees the platoon's helping Cummings as a form of camaraderie.

"The whole platoon pounded him with questions for about two days," Truax said. "We did it any chance we had. He was representing our platoon. He's a good guide and wants everyone to do well for himself and for the platoon."

With all of his accomplishments in hand, some might think his family and friends would be proud and excited as they see him graduate today – if they knew he was here in the first place.

After separating from the Army, Cummings began fire fighting and working as an emergency medical technician in Montana.

He knew he had to be a Marine. He visited his recruiter to find out what documents he needed and came back a month later with all of them in hand. The recruiter had him on a plane three days later.

Cummings never said a word to anyone, not even in a letter home during training. He didn't write any letters at all.

He said he didn't want any distractions. His mission was to become a warrior and he has completed that mission today.





Pfc. Max J. Zaruba Jr., Platoon 3030, Company L, pulls his body up, raising his chin over the bar, and completes the last of his 16 pull-ups. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

LIMA COMPANY



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Grants, N.M.  
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Post Falls, Idaho  
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Staff Sgt. J. Carrizales



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Battle Creek, Mich.  
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Staff Sgt. J. Hernandez



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Pvt. Jonathan L. Fielder, Platoon 3025, Company L, hold his arm out to steady a fellow recruit during pull-ups. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

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Pvt. A. J. Garcia  
Pvt. J. A. Gass  
Pfc. B. S. Giarretta  
\*Pfc. M. A. Strossner  
Pfc. G. E. Trevino  
Pvt. H. Vegacervantes

Pfc. C. A. Johnson  
Pvt. C. J. Johnson  
Pvt. K. L. Johnson  
Pvt. N. A. Jones  
Pfc. C. M. Kent  
Pfc. A. S. Kohler  
Pvt. M. R. Kostopoulos  
Pvt. J. A. Kolawowski  
Pfc. J. M. Krumrie  
Pvt. J. M. Lahr  
Pfc. K. N. Langley  
Pvt. J. L. Lee  
Pvt. J. E. Lehmuth  
Pvt. J. A. Lopez  
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Pvt. C. M. Mata  
Pvt. A. M. McKerchie  
Pvt. C. B. Merling  
Pvt. K. B. Miller  
Pvt. L. E. Miller  
Pvt. C. R. Moore  
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Pvt. J. L. Ames  
Pvt. J. P. Arnold  
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Pvt. A. C. Beets  
Pvt. D. G. Belmessieri  
Pvt. J. L. Bernard  
Pvt. H. N. Bliss  
Pvt. A. Bodero  
Pfc. J. E. Bolton  
Pfc. W. J. Brown  
Pfc. J. R. Brown  
Pvt. A. C. Broz  
Pvt. I. B. Burleigh  
Pvt. M. P. Cabasag  
Pvt. F. Castillo  
Pvt. D. O. Castrejon  
Pvt. S. D. Child  
Pvt. C. K. Crary  
\*Lance Cpl. M. J. Cummings  
Pvt. N. S. Dedrick  
Pvt. K. M. Delauter  
Pvt. E. L. Elgar  
Pvt. M. J. Frank  
Pvt. A. Galvan  
\*Pfc. J. J. Garcia  
Pvt. P. D. Glahn  
\*Pvt. D. T. Guty  
Pvt. M. E. Hammond  
\*Pfc. A. M. Heltsley  
Pvt. A. J. Hemb  
Pvt. N. D. Hicks  
Pvt. J. R. Holloway  
Pvt. E. M. Hoxworth  
Pfc. J. M. Huff  
Pvt. K. A. Krathwohl  
Pvt. C. L. Lamb  
Pvt. J. A. Langford  
Pvt. M. J. Lanier  
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Pfc. E. M. Martinez  
Pvt. J. T. Mathre  
Pfc. C. J. McLaughlin  
Pvt. M. J. Meneely  
Pvt. M. M. Miller  
Pvt. O. Mirandaangel  
Pfc. J. J. Molina-gomez  
Pfc. B. M. Mondragon  
Pfc. W. R. Moore  
Pvt. A. S. Morales  
Pvt. C. P. Morgan  
Pvt. D. B. Newman  
Pvt. A. J. Newman  
\*Pfc. T. B. Nypower  
Pvt. J. A. Obrien  
Pvt. B. J. Okeefe  
Pfc. C. W. Olsen  
Pvt. A. D. Palmer  
Pvt. D. F. Parrish  
\*Pfc. J. A. Phillips  
Pvt. J. J. Phillips  
Pvt. E. C. Portillo  
\*Pfc. M. K. Quick  
Pvt. C. A. Ramirez  
Pvt. A. W. Reames  
Pvt. M. R. Resurreccion  
Pvt. D. Reyna Ramirez  
Pvt. D. T. Rose  
Pvt. R. W. Rybowskiak  
Pfc. M. A. Safi  
Pvt. N. P. Schumacher  
Pvt. J. F. Shoup  
Pvt. J. W. Sifford  
\*Pfc. J. W. Smith  
Pvt. K. D. Sneed  
Pvt. M. J. Sorel  
Pvt. B. M. Stack  
Pvt. A. J. Tedrow  
Pvt. N. C. Thomas  
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Pvt. M. E. Vogan  
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Pfc. C. W. Anderson  
Pfc. A. Aranda  
Pvt. K. J. Baker  
Pvt. J. J. Barriert  
\*Pfc. J. L. Benback  
Pfc. J. F. Bennett  
Pfc. M. C. Burgett  
Pvt. K. L. Burns  
Pvt. J. W. Caddell

Pvt. J. L. Caudel  
Pvt. K. Y. Chung  
Pvt. E. R. Clancy  
\*Pfc. T. A. Creedon  
Pvt. N. A. Crowder  
Pfc. L. J. Daul  
Pvt. N. A. Deal  
Pfc. B. S. Earnest  
Pvt. A. Fierro  
Pvt. K. K. Figueroa  
Pvt. P. Flores  
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Pvt. C. J. Fraley  
Pvt. L. B. Fuentes  
Pvt. C. B. Funkhouser  
Pvt. J. Garcia  
Pvt. M. A. Garcia Lopez  
Pfc. E. K. Ghebretatios  
Pvt. P. Gonzalez  
Pvt. S. D. Gragg  
Pfc. A. W. Green  
Pvt. S. J. Griffin  
Pvt. S. A. Guzman  
Pvt. M. R. Hall  
Pvt. J. W. Halley  
\*Pfc. J. S. Hampton  
Pfc. A. D. Herzog  
Pvt. J. G. Hornbuckle  
Pvt. S. A. Hudson  
Pvt. D. A. Hughes  
Pvt. I. Hurtado  
Pvt. K. J. Ichihara  
Pvt. L. King  
Pvt. S. Kyota  
Pvt. J. Z. Lebel  
Pvt. M. L. Long  
Pvt. J. B. Martinez  
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Pfc. R. R. Miller  
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Pvt. J. R. Montgomery  
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Pvt. W. M. Nissen  
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Pvt. C. P. Philipson  
Pvt. J. A. Pizarro Soto  
Pvt. J. R. Probst  
Pvt. G. J. Rapeta  
Pvt. J. T. Raymond  
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Pvt. R. Rios  
Pvt. A. L. Roch  
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Pvt. L. M. Schilt  
Pvt. B. D. Schmidt  
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Pvt. J. R. Stone  
\*Pfc. J. A. Stout  
Pvt. D. M. Swope  
Pvt. K. J. Taylor  
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Pfc. J. Valdez  
Pvt. J. M. Vallejo Munoz  
Pvt. K. J. Vannahmen  
Pfc. D. R. Vaughn  
Pvt. R. T. Warren  
Pfc. M. J. Zaruba

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Staff Sgt. W. Feagin  
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Pvt. A. L. Burrell  
\*Pfc. C. M. Campbell  
Pvt. C. E. Chinchilla  
Pvt. J. C. Dawson  
Pvt. J. Delacruz  
Pvt. Q. M. Dunn II  
Pvt. A. C. Falk  
Pvt. J. S. Fisher  
Pfc. M. D. Fund  
Pvt. R. A. Galindo  
Pfc. J. J. Godshall  
Pfc. E. J. Green  
Pvt. T. J. Grudniewski II  
Pvt. D. G. Hartzheim  
Pvt. T. A. Kynaston  
Pvt. G. C. Lifofoi II  
Pvt. D. E. Ludwick  
\*Pfc. B. E. Lunak  
Pvt. D. J. Morris JR  
Pvt. D. Nunez  
Pvt. L. S. Nutter  
Pvt. C. L. Painter  
Pvt. I. A. Pereztoro  
Pvt. J. Pham  
Pfc. V. Phimmason  
Pvt. D. J. Preece  
Pvt. F. Ramirezmeraz  
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Pvt. K. R. Rios  
Pvt. T. J. Roberts

Pvt. C. R. Rodarte  
Pfc. B. S. Romesburg  
Pvt. J. C. Sampson  
Pvt. R. S. Sanchez  
Pvt. R. Sanchez  
Pvt. A. A. Sanchezhernandez  
Pvt. C. L. Sandy  
Pvt. J. P. Santillan  
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Pvt. G. M. Schutten  
Pvt. S. G. Schvaneveldt  
\*Pfc. J. J. Sclar  
\*Pfc. P. S. Sebestyen  
Pvt. J. X. Servel  
Pvt. J. D. Sharrar  
Pvt. . N. A. Shelton  
Pvt. T. S. Silvestru  
Pfc. D. A. Sims  
Pvt. D. P. Smith  
Pvt. J. Smith  
Pvt. V. Solis  
Pvt. C. E. Soltvedt  
Pvt. H. A. Soto  
Pvt. L. A. Spencer  
Pvt. T. J. Stiefken  
Pvt. J. R. Stuhlmiller  
Pvt. J. B. Taylor  
Pvt. M. W. Terrin  
\*Pfc. M. A. Titmus  
Pvt. M. A. Torres JR  
Pvt. A. M. Truxton  
Pvt. D. M. Turner  
Pvt. G. Vang  
Pvt. S. Venturaochoa  
Pvt. J. A. Vera  
Pvt. E. E. Vicencio  
Pvt. A. L. Villarreal  
Pvt. E. Villarreal  
Pvt. A. R. Vincent  
Pfc. A. W. Ward  
Pvt. B. W. Warren  
Pvt. M. A. Weaver  
Pvt. G. D. Welch  
Pvt. D. E. West JR  
Pvt. J. E. Weyer  
Pvt. A. J. Wheeler  
Pfc. S. L. Wherry  
Pvt. M. D. Williams  
Pfc. S. M. Windisch  
Pvt. A. M. Wollman  
Pfc. C. B. Woltanski  
Pfc. J. R. Womack  
Pfc. M. R. Yeast  
Pvt. E. P. Yingling  
Pvt. B. Zavalcasneros  
Pvt. J. L. Zavalatejada

\*Meritorious promotion



Coast Guard  
Capt. John E. Long

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

John E. Long graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1979. In his first Coast Guard tour, he served as deck watch officer and weapons officer aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Midgett. In 1981, he completed naval flight training and received his flight status.

Long's first aviation assignment was as duty-standing pilot flying HH-52A helicopters at Coast Guard Air Station Houston. He later transferred to New Orleans and flew the HH-65A helicopters.

In 1990, Long was selected to be one of the first instructor pilots in the Coast Guard's new HH-60J helicopter training branch at Aviation Training Center Mobile, Ala. During this tour, he headed a team that developed and implemented a helicopter-rescue procedure still used throughout the Coast Guard today.

Following an operational flying tour at Air Station San Francisco, Long was assigned as operations officer at Activities San Diego in 1996. In 1999, he assumed command of Air Station Houston and was selected to attend the Air War College where he earned a master of strategic studies degree in 2001.

Long posted to his current assignment as USCG Sector San Diego commander July, 2002 and is responsible for all activities from the Mexican border to above San Mateo Point, Calif., and offshore as far as 200 miles.

Long's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, a Commandant's letter of commendation, the National Defense Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal with a bronze star device, the Meritorious Team Commendation and the Sea Service Ribbon.

He is married to the former Margaret Mechling of Wilmington, Del., and currently resides in San Diego.

COMPANY CURIOSITIES Here's how men from Lima Company answered Chevron's random questions about their interests and boot camp experiences:

Q: What's the best MRE?



Pvt. Kristopher J. Golden  
Olympia, Wash.

A: Spaghetti because it reminded me of home and eating dinner with my family

Q: Did anything make you laugh or lose your bearing?



Pvt. Gerald V. McKenzie  
Blaine, Wash.

A: Yes. All the time. The platoon has a lot of jokers in it.

Q: Who is the meanest drill instructor?



Pvt. Anthony W. Rasmussen  
Big Bear City, Calif.

A: Sgt. Price.

Q: What was the hardest civilian habit to break?



Pvt. Joshua D. Grey  
St. Louis

A: Touching my face or any part of my body when it itches.

Q: What was the scariest moment of recruit training?



Pfc. Matthew D. Grogan  
Denver

A: Being dropped to (rehab) because it threatened my time at home for Christmas.



A team from Headquarters and Service Battalion competes for the four-man push-up challenge at this year's CG's Cup field meet. Cpl Jess Levens/Chevron photos



Coast Guard Master Chief Petty Officer Ted Fuller releases his fragile projectile during the CG's Cup egg toss. The Coast Guard won the event.



The Coast Guard tugs against Recruit Training Regiment at the field meet. The Coasties placed second to H&S in the tug-of-war.

# CUP RUNNETH OVER

*H&S wins CG's competition despite Coast Guard's Field Meet showing*

**Cup, from pg. 1**  
tossed a raw egg back and forth, moving farther apart after each toss. The team left standing with an unbroken egg was declared the winner. It came down to the Coast Guard and RTR. The Coast Guardsmen on the sidelines let out an instant cheer when RTR commanding officer Col. Mark Callihan caught his egg with a splat, leaving the Coast Guard as the winners.

A newly added event to the meet was the four-man push up, where each team had to do as many consecutive push ups as they could without dropping to the ground. The Coast Guard vocalized their presence with cheers for their team, who came in second. RTR showed their physical prowess by coming in first.

Next came the Dizzy Izzy, a relay race with a twist. Runners sprinted to one line, picked up a baseball bat, spun around several times and sprinted back to the starting line in a dizzy haze. It was a close race, but the Coast Guard came through again. H&S's Staff Sgt. A. J. Ruiz gave a notable performance when she stumbled off the track completely and crashed into a white fence and spectators.

"It was fun," said Ruiz. "I didn't expect to be so dizzy. I didn't know it would affect me the way it did."

On to the harbor water, teams geared up

for the kayak relay, the wettest of the events.

Teams of four kayakers shoved off two per relay, as they paddled down the straightaway around two buoys and back to the dock. Coast Guardsmen were clearly more adept at this water event. They took first and third place with RTR nipping at their tail end in second.

As the Coast Guard inched closer to victory, it was H&S that brought the heat in the next event: the tug of war.

Beating teams of Coast Guardsmen and Marines, H&S eased into the final round and pulled off an astounding victory against all comers.

"I've never seen a team this dominant," said H&S's Capt. Curtis J. Tomczak. "They averaged less than 10 seconds per victory and they were one of two teams pulling extra because of byes."

The Coast Guard took second and RTR's two teams, competing for third, opted to take the point without facing each other.

Going to the final event, all teams shared smiles and showed competitive spirits. The sprint relay seemed to be RTR's event from the first heat. They slipped past the best H&S had to offer before sprinting past the rest. Each team of four had to sprint 150 feet to a cone, turn around, sprint back to the start and tag the next of their five team members. In the end, RTR

took first and third, and H&S took second.

At the end of the field meet, all the participants and spectators gathered around the stage as Col. Thomas W. Spencer, chief of staff, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, took the microphone in lieu of the commanding general.

"Congratulations to all those who participated," he said. "Everyone who participated is a winner."

After the points were totaled, it was time to present the field meet trophies. The Coast Guard took first place, RTR took second and H&S took third.

Two surprise awards were announced, recognizing the male and female athletes of the year. For their outstanding participation and sportsmanship, District's Sgt. Stephen L. Standifird and RTR's Gunnery Sgt. Shannon R. Rosenthal were given this honor.

H&S totaled 273 points to win the 2004 CG's Cup, RTR totaled 269 and the Coast Guard totaled 262, making H&S the winner. The top three winners were awarded checks for their party funds in the amounts of \$300, \$200 and \$100.

H&S is slated to receive the trophy in a ceremony with Commanding General Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr. at a later date.



Cpl. Robert Hill, H&S, waits to begin the four-man push-up challenge.



### EVENTS & WINNERS

EGG TOSS	Coast Guard
4-MAN PUSH-UPS	RTR
DIZZY-IZZY	Coast Guard
KAYAK RELAY	Coast Guard
TUG-OF-WAR	H&S
SPRINT RELAY	RTR